

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

- * No claims are currently amended.
- * Claim 26 is withdrawn.
- * Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10-12, 21-32 and 73 remain pending.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10-12, 21-25, 27-32 and 73 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,764,505 ("Hossainy").

Hossainy has a filing date of April 12, 2001. As can be seen from the executed Declaration Under 37 CFR 1.131, previously filed Sept. 20, 2005, Applicants invented their invention prior to the filing date of Hossainy. Therefore, Hossainy is not available as prior art under 35 U.S.C. Section 102(e), and Applicants have successfully traversed the rejection of Claims 1, 3, 5-7, 10-12, 21-25, 27-32 and 73 as being anticipated by Hossainy.

It is noted that the present application and Hossainy are commonly owned.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and early passage of this case to issue is respectfully requested. If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 07-1850.

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